Banner Home Care Expands Health Care to Rural Communities with HRS Telehealth

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A wide variety of patients can be monitored with Banner’s new telehealth program, including patients with coronary artery disease (CAD), congestive heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pneumonia, cellulitis, atrial fibrillation (a-fib), and hypertension (HTN). Post-surgical patients who underwent coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery or valve replacement surgery will also be eligible for the telehealth program.

Banner Home Care is committed to reaching as many patients as possible with their telehealth program and will offer the program without charge, regardless of type of insurance.

Banner hopes to use the HRS telehealth software to reduce hospitalizations and trips to the emergency department by patients in rural communities. Banner also wants to reduce the number of in-person visits by replacing them with video and phone calls.

“Remote patient monitoring is the future of healthcare. It allows the patient to receive the appropriate care in the place they are most comfortable with,” said Mandy Johnson, Care Coordination Post-Acute senior manager at Banner Health. “The patient and clinical team can keep an eye on the vitals to reduce the unwanted trips to the hospital. We are bringing health care to the patient.”

All patients participating in the telehealth program are provided with 4G tablets pre-loaded with the HRS software. The tablets pair with Bluetooth biometric devices that allow patients to easily track physiological data, such as blood pressure, weight, heart rate, and more. The patient data automatically transmits to the tablet and is electronically delivered to the patient’s nurse, allowing clinical staff to quickly address changes in medical status.

The telehealth software also offers medication reminders and disease-specific educational content to promote patient independence and self-management. Additionally, clinicians can use the HRS software to communicate with patients in real time using the tablet’s text, call, and video chat features.

Patients placed on Banner’s telehealth program are monitored daily by a registered nurse. Continuous monitoring in between in-person visits allows the clinicians at Banner to quickly identify and address concerns before they lead to hospitalizations. Consistent monitoring is key for Banner’s remote patient population because it allows clinicians to get a clear picture of the patients’ vitals without them having to leave their home. Banner’s telehealth program also facilitates coordination with the medical staff, thus improving efficiency and quality of care for each patient.

“Banner Home Care’s telehealth program is a great asset to the rural community they serve,” said Jarrett
Bauer, CEO of HRS. “Their dedication to the expansion of healthcare is inspiring. We are truly honored and proud to have been selected as Banner Health’s telehealth partner.”

About Banner Health
Headquartered in Arizona, Banner Health is one of the largest nonprofit healthcare systems in the country. The system owns and operates 28 acute-care hospitals, Banner Health Network, Banner – University Medicine, academic and employed physician groups, long-term care centers, outpatient surgery centers and an array of other services; including Banner Urgent Care, family clinics, home care and hospice services, pharmacies and a nursing registry. Banner Health is in six states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming. For more information, visit www.BannerHealth.com.

About Health Recovery Solutions (HRS)
Health Recovery Solutions (HRS) supplies leading home care agencies with the most advanced remote monitoring platform focused on changing patient behavior to reduce readmissions and improve clinical outcomes. HRS’ disease-specific engagement kits are customized with educational video, care plans, medication reminders while integrated with Bluetooth peripherals to engage clients. For clinicians, HRS' software allows for the management of high-risk clients and provides seamless communication with them through video chat, wound imaging and text messaging. For family members and caregivers, HRS' software gives them the ability to be fully involved in their family member's care and well-being. To learn more about Health Recovery Solutions, visit https://www.healthrecoverysolutions.com/ or call (347) 699-6477.
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